



Simpsonville Elementary

200 Morton Avenue
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	689 Students	
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2009 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2009	Good	Average
2008	Average	Good
2007	Average	Below Average
2006	Average	At-Risk
2005	Average	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2008-09 whose 2007-08 test scores were located

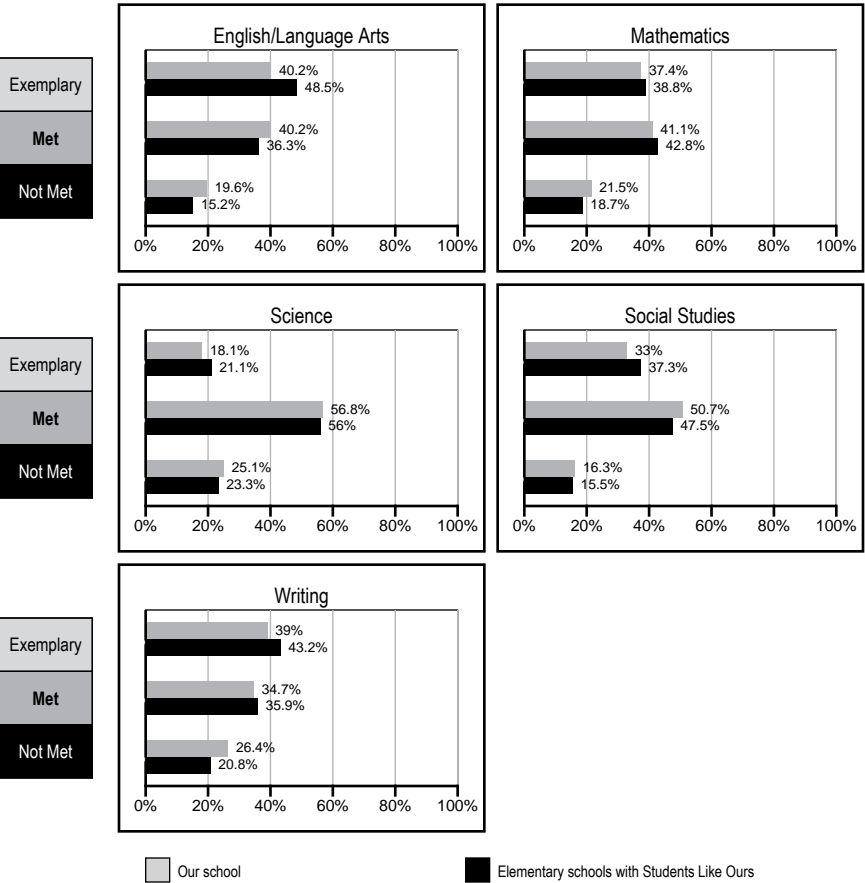
96.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
20	24	13	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=689)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	93.6%	Down from 98.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.7%	Up from 1.6%	1.3%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.1%	96.6%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.0%	Down from 18.8%	17.1%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.8%	Down from 10.1%	7.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.5%	Up from 44.2%	61.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	88.6%	Up from 81.4%	83.9%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Down from 90.6%	86.4%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.1%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,858	Up 4.0%	\$48,763	\$47,149
Professional development days/teacher	6.1 days	Down from 11.0 days	10.4 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Up from 19.6 to 1	19.8 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 90.6%	90.9%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,355	Up 6.8%	\$6,617	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.9%	No Change	70.5%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.4%	Up from 67.6%	64.7%	63.2%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The Simpsonville Elementary faculty, staff, PTA, and SIC worked together to develop a mission, a shared vision, and school goals for the 2008-2009 school year. In developing our Strategic Plan, we reviewed the most recent test data, state standards for learning, and the District Education Plan. Our mission is "Preparing students to be productive, respectful, and responsible." A priority for Simpsonville Elementary is to raise the academic challenge and performance of each student by increasing the percentage of students scoring Exemplary on PASS English/Language Arts and Mathematics. We earned the State Silver Award for Student Achievement. We are providing a school environment supportive of learning by promoting character education, as well as civic and personal responsibility. We have improved public understanding and support of our school by involving parents and volunteers as partners with our school in Junior Achievement, Hispanic Family Literacy Nights, Super Star Math, SEEDS literacy program, a before-school math computer lab, and small group tutoring. Through teacher websites, all parents have access to current information from their child's class. We have promoted character education and civic responsibility through collecting canned goods, pet food drive for homeless pets, March of Dimes, and participating in "Jump Rope for Heart". These projects help our students learn firsthand the rewards of helping others in our community. Simpsonville Elementary has raised over \$200,000 for "Jump Rope for Heart" since 1981.

Success will be measured by student performance on standardized tests, MAP tests, student work samples, attendance logs for conferences, PTA meetings, and staff development. Our vision is to help each child reach or exceed his or her full potential by providing creative and challenging learning opportunities. Field trips at each grade level coordinate with and enrich our curriculum.

Simpsonville Elementary School has a long history of strong academic achievement. We believe that the use of the Four Blocks Reading model, Every Day Counts Math, Larson's Math, academic enrichment, and outstanding parental support of academic programs contribute to student success. We have an experienced instructional staff, many of whom have advanced degrees. Parent and community involvement is evidenced by tremendous support of our SEEDS program, Reading Counts, and Morning Math Achievers, which were offered to students through volunteers working with classroom teachers. We encourage volunteers to be involved with our students.

With Academic Achievement as our #1 priority at Simpsonville Elementary, we made teaching all students the focal point of planning. Academic standards were enhanced by professional development, the information gained through the development of our Strategic Plan, and the ongoing analysis of standardized test scores and other data.

Jan H. James, Principal
Shay Willimon, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	92	53
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.7%	94.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	96.6%	90.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.8%	88.6%	88.5%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress

YES

This school met 23 out of 23 objectives. The objectives included student performance, graduation rate or student attendance, and participation in the state testing program.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for "All Students" and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency in the areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as meeting the statewide target for "All Students" for attendance or graduation rate.

School Improvement Status

School Improvement Key

NI	Newly Identified-The school missed adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two years. Sanction: Offer school choice.
CSI	Continuing School Improvement-The school missed AYP for three years. Sanctions: Continue school choice and implement supplemental services.
CA	Corrective Action-The school missed AYP for four years. Sanction: Continue school choice and supplemental services. The school district takes a corrective action.
RP	Plan to Restructure-Sanctions: Continue school choice and supplemental services. Develop a plan to restructure. If the school misses AYP the next year, the school implements the restructuring plan.
R	Restructure-The school missed AYP after two years of corrective action. Sanctions: Implement the restructuring plan. Continue school choice and supplemental services.
DELAY	The school met AYP in all subgroups and the indicator for one year, thus the delay provision applies. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Delay."
HOLD	The school made progress for one year in the subject area that identified the school for school improvement. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Hold."

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	1.7%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	5.8%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.8%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

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PASS Performance By Group

	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	School % Met or Exemplary*	District % Met or Exemplary*	State % Met or Exemplary*	Performance Objective Met	Participation Objective Met
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English/Language Arts - State Performance Objective = 58.8% (Met or Exemplary)

All Students	355	100	19.6	40.2	40.2	87.4	84	82.8	Yes	Yes
Gender										
Male	189	100	19	44.3	36.8	86.8	80.8	79.3	N/A	N/A
Female	166	100	20.4	35.5	44.1	88.2	87.4	86.5	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group										
White	226	100	13.6	41.1	45.3	92.5	89.5	89.5	Yes	Yes
African American	78	100	32.9	41.4	25.7	75.7	72.7	73.7	Yes	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	93	92.3	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	31	100	30.8	30.8	38.5	76.9	74.8	76.5	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	91.2	82.5	I/S	I/S
Disability Status										
Disabled	60	100	55.8	19.2	25	61.5	52.5	52	Yes	Yes
Migrant Status										
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	66.1	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency										
Limited English Proficient	42	100	32.4	29.7	37.8	78.4	74.5	75.1	I/S	Yes
Socio-Economic Status										
Subsided meals	127	100	27.5	43.1	29.4	82.6	74.4	75.5	Yes	Yes

Mathematics - State Performance Objective = 57.8% (Met or Exemplary)

All Students	355	100	21.5	41.1	37.4	85.9	80.9	78.9	Yes	Yes
Gender										
Male	189	100	22.4	40.2	37.4	86.2	79.6	77	N/A	N/A
Female	166	100	20.4	42.1	37.5	85.5	82.2	80.9	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group										
White	226	100	15.4	40.7	43.9	89.7	87	87.2	Yes	Yes
African American	78	100	41.4	41.4	17.1	75.7	66.3	66.7	Yes	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	94.3	93	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	31	100	26.9	42.3	30.8	76.9	75.3	76	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	86.8	79.5	I/S	I/S
Disability Status										
Disabled	60	100	53.8	28.8	17.3	61.5	48.1	45.5	Yes	Yes
Migrant Status										
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	75.7	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency										
Limited English Proficient	42	100	21.6	40.5	37.8	81.1	76.2	76.1	I/S	Yes
Socio-Economic Status										
Subsided meals	127	100	34.9	38.5	26.6	75.2	70.5	70.2	Yes	Yes

* Adjusted to account for natural variation in performance.

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PASS Performance By Group

	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	School % Met or Exemplary	District % Met or Exemplary	State % Met or Exemplary
Science								
All Students	246	99.6	24.8	57.1	18.1	75.2	71.3	67.5
Gender								
Male	135	99.3	26	53.7	20.3	74	70.8	67
Female	111	100	23.3	61.2	15.5	76.7	71.8	68
Racial/Ethnic Group								
White	156	99.4	17.7	60.5	21.8	82.3	79.5	79.5
African American	50	100	41.9	53.5	4.7	58.1	53	50.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	86.9	84.3
Hispanic	24	100	42.9	33.3	23.8	57.1	61.1	60.7
American Indian/Alaskan	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	88.4	71.2
Disability Status								
Disabled	40	100	51.4	45.7	2.9	48.6	39.1	35.6
Migrant Status								
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	46.1
English Proficiency								
Limited English Proficient	33	100	35.5	48.4	16.1	64.5	60.4	59.6
Socio-Economic Status								
Subsided meals	88	100	36.8	55.3	7.9	63.2	57.5	55.1

Social Studies

All Students	246	100	16.3	50.7	33	83.7	75.7	72.3
Gender								
Male	132	100	15.6	47.5	36.9	84.4	75.1	71.5
Female	114	100	17.1	54.3	28.6	82.9	76.3	73.2
Racial/Ethnic Group								
White	157	100	13.5	46.6	39.9	86.5	81.7	80.7
African American	55	100	25	57.7	17.3	75	61.5	60
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	88	88.5
Hispanic	19	100	13.3	60	26.7	86.7	69	68
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78	72.2
Disability Status								
Disabled	43	100	42.1	42.1	15.8	57.9	47.5	43.5
Migrant Status								
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	50.7
English Proficiency								
Limited English Proficient	27	100	13	60.9	26.1	87	69	67.9
Socio-Economic Status								
Subsided meals	87	100	21.3	50.7	28	78.7	63.9	62.1

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PASS Performance By Group

	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	School % Met or Exemplary	District % Met or Exemplary	State % Met or Exemplary	School Attendance Rate	District Attendance Rate
Writing										
All Students	353	99.7	26.2	34.8	39.1	73.8	72.9	70.2	96.8	96.5
Gender										
Male	186	99.5	30.6	36.4	32.9	69.4	66.4	63.2	96.8	96.4
Female	167	100	21.1	32.9	46.1	78.9	79.7	77.5	96.8	96.5
Racial/Ethnic Group										
White	225	99.6	18.5	36	45.5	81.5	80.5	79.1	96.7	96.3
African American	78	100	39.4	39.4	21.1	60.6	57.1	57.6	96.8	96.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	10	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	87.3	86.2	97.3	97.6
Hispanic	29	100	30.8	30.8	38.5	69.2	61.3	62.6	97.3	96.9
American Indian/Alaskan	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	71.8	68.7	96.1	95.2
Disability Status										
Disabled	59	98.3	74	16	10	26	28.4	26.1	96.4	95.4
Migrant Status										
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	54.7	N/A	92.4
English Proficiency										
Limited English Proficient	42	100	36.8	26.3	36.8	63.2	60.5	61.2	96.9	97.2
Socio-Economic Status										
Subsidized meals	120	100	34.9	36.8	28.3	65.1	58.8	58.9	96.2	95.8

Abbreviations for Missing Data

PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2009	3	113	100	15.7	30.4	53.9	84.3
	4	137	100	22.7	45.3	32	77.3
	5	105	100	19.8	43.8	36.5	80.2
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2009	3	113	100	23.5	33.3	43.1	76.5
	4	137	100	11.7	39.8	48.4	88.3
	5	105	100	32.3	51	16.7	67.7
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2009	3	57	98.3	26	52	22	74
	4	137	100	21.9	59.4	18.8	78.1
	5	52	100	31.3	56.3	12.5	68.8
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Studies							
2009	3	56	100	19.6	41.2	39.2	80.4
	4	137	100	14.8	57	28.1	85.2
	5	53	100	16.7	43.8	39.6	83.3
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2009	3	111	100	25.5	29.4	45.1	74.5
	4	136	99.3	28.3	33.9	37.8	71.7
	5	106	100	24	41.7	34.4	76
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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